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SUBJ: SITUATION IN CORDOBA

1. SUMMARY: SITUATION IN CORDOBA HAS BECOME MORE CONFUSED AND VOLATILE DURING PAST 24 HOURS. GOV OBREGON CANO HAS BEEN RELEASED AND INDICATED INTENTION TO RESUME OFFICE. THERE WAS A GOOD DEAL OF SHOOTING LAST NIGHT BETWEEN HIS SUPPORTERS ON ONE HAND AND PROVINCIAL POLICE AND RIGHT-WING PERONIST ELEMENTS ON OTHER. FED GOV STILL SITTING ON ITS HANDS. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTERNOON MARCH 1 PROVISIONAL GOV AGODINO CONVOKED ELECTIONS FOR SEPT 1, STEP WHICH SOME INTERPRETED AS ENDING OBREGON CANO'S TERM AS GOVERNOR. LATTER, ALONG WITH VICE GOV ATILIO LOPEZ, WAS THEN RELEASED BY PROVINCIAL POLICE. HE IMMEDIATELY INDICATED INTENTION TO RESUME OFFICE.

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3. THERE ARE CONFLICTING REPORTS AS TO ATTITUDE OF AGODINO. ONE HAS

HIM STATING FLATLY THAT OBREGON CANO WAS NOW AGAIN GOVERNOR AND THAT THERE WOULD BE NO NEW ELECTIONS. ANOTHER, HOWEVER, INDICATES HE INTENDS TO MAINTAIN OFFICE HIMSELF UNTIL ELECTIONS ARE HELD.

4. MEANWHILE, LEFT AND RIGHT CLASHED WITH FISTS AND GUNS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE CITY WITH SEVERAL KILLED AND WOUNDED RESULTING. ONE REPORT INDICATED FEDERAL POLICE HAD OPENED FIRE ON PROVINCIAL POLICE. CIRCUMSTANCES WERE NOT CLEAR. CHANCES OF CLASHES ON WIDER SCALE BETWEEN OBREGON CANO SUPPORTERS AND THOSE ATTEMPTING TO OUST HIM ARE INCREASING AS SITUATION ROCKS ALONG WITHOUT CLEAR DEFINITION.

5. UCR'S BALBIN SAW INTERIOR MINISTER LLAMBI MARCH 1 AND REQUESTED URGENT AUDIENCE WITH PERON TO DISCUSS CORDOBA SITUATION. PERON PROBABLY WILL SEE HIM TODAY (MARCH2). ASKED BY NEWSMEN FOR HIS VIEW OF SITUATION, BALBIN ANSWERED THAT THERE COULD BE NO DOUBT THAT THERE WAS SEDITION IN CORDOBA AND THAT FEDREAL GOVT MUST RESTORE GOV TO HIS OFFICE.

6. VARIOUS OPPOSITION PARTIES ARE CALLING FOR SPECIAL SESSION OF CONGRESS TO CONSIDER CRISIS.

7. LA OPINION THIS MORNING INDICATED IT HAD ASKED INTERIOR MINISTRY WHO IT CONSIDERED LEGITIMATE AUTHORITY IN CORDOBA. SINCE MINISTRY HAD NOT

ANSWERED, LA OPINION NOTED WITH HEAVY IRONY, THERE WERE FIVE OPTIONS FROM WHICH TO CHOOSE IN DEFINING AND ANALYZING SITUATION: A) OBREGON CANO IS GOVERNOR; B) AGODINO IS; C) NAVARRO IS IN AUTHORITY; D) THERE ARE THREE PARALLEL GOVERNMENTS IN CORDOBA; OR E) THERE IS NO GOVERNMENT IN CORDOBA. AT THIS POINT, MOST OBSERVERS WOULD PROBABLY CHOOSE LAST OPTION. A SIXTH REPORTEDLY PRESENTED ITSELF THIS MORNING WHEN PRESIDENT OF PROVINCIAL SENATE (WHO RANKS AGODINO IN ORDER OF SUCCESSION) RETURNED TO CORDOBA.
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